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## PETER DE LACEY CLOSES AT LAST

Looks the Doors of His Famous Pool-Room in Forty-Second Bets.

HAS: MADE LONG FIGHT AGAINST AUTHORITIES.

For Many Years He Successful-Surrendered.

that the police can close the pool-rooms when they are backed up by their superiors was furnished to-day by Peter Delegay. For the first time since he embarked in the pool-room business he of good for the public. shut down his entire machinery this secsived no quotations or results from would be practically inestimable.

De Lacey has his headquarters at No. He owns the building. There he has received news from the race tracks by wire and from there he has sent it out by telephone to his pool-rooms and to test. other rooms paying for his service.

Sent Operator Away.

The Western Union operator assigned to De Lacey's headquarters to handle the racing returns reported for duty as usual to-day and was sent back to the office. He told the Western Union peo-ple that De Lacey was not doing bus-

Nothing but remarkable pressure could make De Lacey throw up his hands. He had successfully defied every t. fort made to close his poel-rooms, and times the entire energy of the racing clicints had been directed against him. It may be that the game has been to the gainst him of late, as it has sectionst many pool-room keepers, but the generally accepted idea is that he is been forced to close by the vig-Manwhile the Western Union Tele-

graph Company is serving 210 other pool-rooms in Greater New York with results of races, and Police Commissidner McAdoo says he knows nothing about it.
"I haven't heard of 210 pool-rooms be-

ing open." he said to-day to an ceived from Nantucket, which said that Evening World reporter. "I know a Red Star line steamship had passed nothing of these statistics. They may there this morning. have been formed entirely in some one's imagination. That is all I care to say sbout the pool-room or gambling ques-

Inspector McClusky, Chief of the Detective Bureau, who has charge of all office this morning, so it could not be adelphia on Dec. 30 and the Cou

tion District, however, was more communicative about pool-rooms.

places suspected of being pool-rooms. I told them to get evidence against them, if possible; in fact, to do everything they can to close these places."

Orders All Pool-Rooms Closed.

gave out this statement:

"I have now seen every inspector, captain and precinct detective in Manhattan, the Bronx and Richmond, and I have told them all that if they have any notion that this is to be a wideepen town they are very much mistak-en. They have been ordered to keep every pool-room, gambling-house or other illegal resort in their jurisdiction closed tight and have been warned that they will be held personally responsible for any violation of this order.'

Magistrate Breen sitting in the Tombs Court this afternoon declared that there tached to the Church street tsation, on telephonical charges of assault. It was alleged that they had attempted to enter ter thoroughly,

52 Prospect street, Brooklyn, was found be permitted to give their views. drowned to-day in the East River at the foot of Washington street, Brook-Dissett's left wrist was broken and he showed signs of violent treatment, his head and body being badly bruised. The police do not believe that he met with foul play.

Dissett's body was identified at the Brooklyn Morgue by Miss Mary Young. who lives in the same house where the mail carrier had als home. Miss Young said that Dissett came home last night. had supper, then took off his uniform and announced that he was going out for a while. He was in excellent spirits when he went away. Nothing was heard of him again until his body was found in the river.

"I shall confer with Bridge Commissioner Shall confer w

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# IROQUOIS THEATRE TO BE BURNED AGAIN

Street and Refuses to Take Chicago's Mayor Plans to Give Playhouse to the Flames So as to Test the Efficiency of City Ordinances Providing for the Safety of the Public.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—As soon as the Coroner releases his control of the Iroquois Theatre the playhouse will again be given over to the flames if ly Defied Every Effort to Close plans evolved by Mayor Harrison and Walter L. Fisher, of the City Club, His Pool-Room, but Finally are carried out. Experts who will fight over again the loquois conflagration will have trained firemen at their elbow to see that the demonstration of the plans does not bring about any property loss outside the partially ruined

The purpose of again firing the theatre is to test the sufficiency of city ordinances, present and prospective

At a conference to-day between Mayor Harrison and Mr. Fisher this subject was discussed exhaustively, and it was decided that nothing that had been done in Chicago for many years would approach this plan in the amount

With men who understand every detail of the test to watch every action racon. Not only did he receive no of the flames and gases, and to regulate effects by manipulation of the venin his various pool-rooms, but he tilators and doors, it was urged that the benefits to accrue from the fire test

With the Iroqueis stage filled with excelsior and rubbish and a fire rag-West Forty-second street, midway ing thereon, the conditions being like those of the fatal afternoon of Dec. between Sixth avenue and Broadway. 30, the experts expect to learn a great deal about the flames that swept so many lives away.

J. R. Freeman, an expert on fires, will be asked to take charge of the

Six additional churches were ordered closed to-day. A number of lodging-houses also will suffer in consequence of the strict enforcement of city

PLAYED, WINS

Second Choice in Second Event

THE WINNERS.

1) 1. Julia M. (6 to 1) 2, Dusky 3.

Ethel Wheat (2 to 1) 2 Tioga 3.

THIRD RACE-Scorpio (8 to 1)

rank Bell (7 to 5) 2, Clangor 3.

(Special to The Evening World.) NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 14.-The track

was fast to-day for the first time in

going had a tendency to bring out a

better class of horses. The second

The layers have been getting the

worst of the breaks lately. Only fif-

Frank Tyler, who has been confined

to his room for a week with a severe cold, was at the track to-day and

helped Bob Turner operate the "big

It seems that Alex Shields was

trifle premature when he gave out the

information that he had signed Jockey

H. Phillips. Shields and the boy's

He now objects to several

father agreed on terms Tuesday, and

clauses in the contract and the deal is

Fred Cook and Charlie Ellison are try

Starters. whts... jocks. St. Hif. Fin. Str. Lady Lavish. 105. Cal'n 1 3: 1\* Str. Julia M... 112. Fuller... 7 42 21 42 11. Str. 12. Str. 13. Str. 14. Str. 14. Str. 14. Str. 15. Str. 15. Str. 15. Str. 15. Str. 16. Str. 16

Six furlongs. FIRST RACE.

hanging fire.

teen bookies are now in line.

FIRST RACE-Lady Lavish (9 to

SECOND RACE-Vestry (3 to 1)

Honors.

at New Orleans Comes from

## STEAMER SIGHTED; VESTRY, HEAVILY MAY BE NOORDLAND

Red Star Liner Passed Nantucket Early To-Day and Officials Believe It May Be Their Disabled Boat.

At the offices of the American line at Broadway and Rector street, it was said to-day that a report had been re-

The steamship is believed by the officials of the American and Red Star lines to be the Noordland, which sighted in a disabled condition by the

teamship Cornishman Jan. 2. The Noordland left Liverpool for Phillearned what steps he is taking to run down-these 210 pool-rooms. Inspector Brooks, of the First Inspecsighted the Noordiand in indexed was last to-day for the first time in steamship was hove to and signalled she, over a week. The improvement in the

had been disabled. The rough sea prevented the Cornish-"I called in twenty-five precinct detectives to-day." he said, "and instructives to-day." he said, "and instructives to-day." he said, "and instructives to-day." ed them to pay particular attention to places suspected of being pool-rooms. I sighted again. The Noordland was not juvenile scramble of the meeting proved two days behind the time she is sched

## Sook after an Evening World reporter saw Commissioner McAdoo. Inspector Brooks, who had just finished a private talk to twenty-five precinct described to the first saw of the f OF THREE PLATOONS

Police Commissioner, with Mc-Avoy. Cortright and Brooks, Will Investigate Matter Thoroughly.

That Police Commissioner McAdoo is was no law to prevent men from going in favor of restoring the three-platoon titto alleged pool-rooms. Twelve men system was shown to-day, when he anwere arreigned by plain clothes men at-

alleged pool-rooms on Cortlandt and
Dey streets and Wets Broadway. All
were discharged. "The commission." said the Commissioner. "will be composed of Deputy
McAvoy. Inspectors Cortright and Brooks, and myself.

"We will at first hold private con-POSTMAN FOUND DROWNED. | revences, at which we shall try to reach an understanding as to the best platoon Michael Dissett's Body Showed system for the men. Later we will have public meetings in the trial room, Michael Dissett, a mail carrier, of No. at which the members of the force will

"I do not hesitate to say that I am in favor of the three-platoon system. I also want more men. But efficiency comes before everything else."

Commissioner McAdoo said also that he had not yet decided upon the question of keeping patrolmen at the theatres for all time. Starters, whis, locks. St. Hif. Fin. Scerpio, 110, Gannon. . 4 10 19 Frank Bell. 110, Fuller 2 20 20 Clanger, 92, Hennessey, 7 710 114, Harmakis, 96, Robbins. 5 40 40 40 Goss. 102, Higgins. 6 614, 50 Sadducee, 102, McCafferty 3, 30 43 Demurrer, 105, Michaels. 1 52 72 P. Mayberry, 98, Philips 8 8 Start fair. Won driving. Time—1.

Mayor McClellan to Confer To-Day with Commissioner Best. Mayor McClellan next takes up the

ter at once.
"I shall confer with Bridge Commisdouer Best before I leave this office todouer, added the Mayor, "and I propose,
to get right after that bridge terminal
question and hope to find a remedy,"



# SPECIAL EXTRA.

## WHOLE TOWN AFIRE, WITH A GALEBLOWING

HELENA, Mon., Jan. 14.—Fire at Havre, Mon., to-day, which destroyed much property, started anew this afternoon. The big Havre Hotel, new McIntyre Opera House and numerous build ings have already been destroyed or are doomed.

The entire northwestern portion of the town is threatened. The wind is blowing forty miles an hour.

### LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fourth Race-Capt. Arnold 1, Tribes Hill 2, Ethics 3. Fifth Race-Friar Tuck 1, All Scarlet 2, Dan Horne 3. Sixth Race-McWilliams 1, Lou Woods 2, Baronet 3.

BECHTEL ASKED ECKSTEIN TO END LIFE WITH HIM. ALLENTOWN. Jan. 14.-It was announced this afternoon that Aleis Eckstein, who was acquitted yesterday, will go on the stand to-morrow and testify against Mabel Bechtel's mother. He will swear that Tom Bechtel, brother of the murdered girl who committed suicide, asked him also to end his life. Eckstein refused, saying "I'm innocent of Mabel's blood."

## GIRL WHO PLEASED KING WITH MUSIC



Jack Phillips made an appointment to meet Shields and sign the contract that This is Miss Gerfrude Peppercorn, a beautiful English girl, who played pefore King Edward, won his applause, and who is now bound for America. 2227 Washington avenue, the Broux, in a room on the upper floor of the house to-day. While at play the children set to appear in a musicale at Carnegie Hall on Feb. 7. She will arrive in New York on the steamship Cedric and will be welcomed in New York by many ing to keep the boy in the West. Cook has offered \$7,000 for him. friends and music lovers who have heard her perform on the plano.

Miss Peppercorn is the daughter of Alfred Peppercorn, an English ar tist. King Edward, then the Prince of Wales, heard her play when she was a child and was delighted with her. After she became a woman she appeared before him often and her playing never failed to please him.

The second

Horse Dashed Upon Sixth Avenue Sidewalk, and Only in That Way Could Driver Avert Loss of Life.

Several hundred women shoppers on Sixth avenue, near Eighteenth street,

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were thrown into panic this afternoon
20 by a runaway horse which dashed
5.3 through Eighteenth street to Sixth ave-Sadduces, 102, McCafferty 3 31 43 7-2 6-5
Demurrer, 105, Michaels, 1 5-7 7-2 6-5
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Start fair. Won driving. Time—1,13 3-5.

DIES FROM ILLUMINATING GAS.

Jasper Wandle, forty-five years old, a bookkeeper, died in the New York Hospital to-day. He was accidentally over-come by illuminating grate of a corner store, thus saving a number of persons from serious injuries.

The horse belonged to Frederick S.

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Realizing that, he would have to sarchiec himself or some of the people on the street. Schmidt made a mighty walk and was about to plunge into a crowd of women and children, when the driver with rare presence of mind the driver with rare presence of mind the store of Price & Wilgerodt, at the first walk and badly bijured. The large was cut about the head around and the animal plunged into the big side window of a corner store, thus saving a number of persons from serious injuries.

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Schorer, of No. 158 West Eighteenth street. He is a green animal and had never been tried in harness before. Barney Schmidt, one of Schorer's em-ployees, liftched him to a heavy painters' wagon and started to drive him up the street. The horse was skittish and shied at everything. In an effort to discipline him Schmidt touched him In a second the horse was o ffat full

speed. Schmidt couldn't hold him and was unable to turn him to the right or left. As the horse neared the corner of Sixth avenue Schmidt noted the crowded street and realized that prompt measures were necessary if a tragedy was to eb averted.

Meanwhile the shouts of Schmidt and the warning cries of men who ran up the street ahead of the runaway to warn pedestrians, had precipitated a small-sized panic, and when the runaway reached Sixth avenue, women and children were running to the right and left, blu not getting out of the danger zone.

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Well-Known Cigar Manufacturer Commits Suicide in His Office with a Revolver After the Day's Business.

DREADED OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS.

Had Been Under the Knife Once Undergo It Again-Grew Rich with Famous Firm.

cigar manufacturers in this country and a wealthy man, killed himself late this afternoon while sitting at his desi in his office at No. 208 East Twentythe head back of the right ear.

Mr. Storm had recently undergone as operation for appendicitis, and his doc tors informed him that another would probably be necessary. He worried over this considerably, and it is believed preferred death to a second operation. himself is in the big olgar factory and tobacco warehouse just back of the Lorraine apartments, at Third avenue and Twenty-seventh street. It was there that the cigar manufacturing firm of Straitton & Storm became famous. After the establishment of the trust Mr. Storm became president of the Ow Commercial Company, a branch of the International Tobacco Company, and onducted his business from the old

Mr. Storm went to hi some from his home in the Savoy Hotel at the usual hour to-day and attended in the ordinary way to his usual routine business He had dictated a number of letters to men who called on him.

Alone When He Fired.

At the factory it was said that afte the stanographer had received the dis-ation of Mr. Storm for several letters she left his private office, and was hardly out of the door when she heard istol shot. Turning back she saw her uployer fall from his chair to the floor ning down to where men vorking she teld them that Mr. Storm had shot himself, and one of the men ran to the drig tsore on the corner where a clerk telephoned to Bellsvue Hospital for an ambulance. The doctor who came with the ambulance said that Mr. Storm was, dead and drove away Mean time a policeman on the bear perceiving the excitement, had entered the offices. Then the doors were locked and word was telephoned to members of the Storm family at the Savoy Hotel.

permit any one to enter, sending back was hiding evidences of the crime. word that they were waiting for eithe Coroner or for some member of the dead man's family to come. The pohe had learned, and consequently no side, bending over her to comfort her. report of the suicide was made at the MRS. BECHTEL CAREWORN.

The stenographer, who had been the first in the office, appeared at the factory windows occasionally and seemed hysterical, but she could not be induced to speak. At the Savoy Hotel the clerks professed complete ignorance of the tragedy and would not even say anything concerning the dead man's family.

## MOTHER RESCUES BABES.

inters a Barning Building and Carries Them Out.

Marion and Helen Orvine, aged for and six years respectively, were left by their mother, Mrs. Helen Orvine, of No fire to a lounge and the house was soon full of smoke.

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After everybody had fied from the house the mother remembered her bables and, unaided, she made her way to the top floor, gathered them up and carried them out to safety. Some policemen then went in and extinguished the flames, which did about \$500 damage.

## KILLED BY A FALL.

Victim Working Alone Lay Some Time Before He Was Discovered. NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 14.-John Shields, forty years old, who lived at No. 38 Bruen street, had his skull fractured to-day by a fall from a ladder a he Carl Paas Brewing Company build ing, on Scott street. He was taken to St. James's Hospital, where he died in a short time.

Shields was a plumber by trade. He had been working in the building repairing some pipes. He was up on ladder about fifteen feet from tiground when he lost his balance ar

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Friday for New York City and vicinity: Generally fair and about 6 degrees colder to-night; Friday fair; brisk westerly winds.

and Feared He Might Have to Aged Mother of the Murdered Mabel Weeps Whenever She Hears a Reference to the Son Who Confessed He Was the Sister's Slayer and Then Ended His Own Life.

## PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AGAIN BEYOND RESTRAINT.

Breaks Away from His Friends During Recess and Is with Difficulty Brought Back to Court-His Assistant, George M. Lutz, Takes Charge of Case and Addresses Jury.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 14.-The hope that District-Attorney Lighten ainer would be able to attend to the business of the prosecution to-dis during the trial of Mrs. Catherine Bechtel was shattered at the noon recession Six jurors had been secured, the District-Attorney had been warned by til Court that his conduct of yesterday must not be repeated, and it appeare that everything would go smoothly.

References to the suicide of Tom Bechtel, who committed suicide in cell in the jail here last October while under arrest on suspicion of havin murdered his sister Mabel, caused old Mrs. Bechtel to weep so hysterically that it became necessary to take her from court. This appeared to worr, the District-Attorney, and two of his best friends, Dr. J. D. Christman and eremiah Roth, volunteered to take care of him during recess.

He got away from them and before they caught him he had reduced the visible supply of liquor in Allentown to an appreciable extent. Wife he came into court this afternoon escorted by his friends he lost no time i seeking slumber with his head on his desk. His assistant, George M. Lut took care of the work of selecting the jury, and the box was filled the

## MRS. BECHTEL SUFFERS DEEPLY.

At every mention of the suicide of her son Mrs. Bechtel broke don Her three daughters sat about her at the defendants' table this afterno When the jury had been completed the case was opened by Assista District-Attorney Lutz. He said the prosecution's theory was that Mab Those inside of the office would not Wrs. Bechtel, the defendant in this case, harbored and defended Tom

At this point Mrs. Bechtel removed the widow's' mourning cap and vell she was wearing and burst into a flood of tears, covering her face with a liceman would not go out to tell what mourning handkerchief. Her daughters hurried from their chairs to her

The Bechtels arrived at the court-house half an hour before opening time this morning. Mrs. Bechtel looked very pale and careworn. Her three daughters, Martha and Mrs. Allison Bropst, of Allentown, and Mrs. Jacob Davis, of Philadelphia, wore deep black gowns and mourning veils. The sons Charles and John sat at the end of the row. -The Judge asked of the District-Attorney, "What cases are you ready

to try?" "I am ready to try the four Bechtel defendants on charges of being acessories before and after the death of Mabel Bechtel," was the answer.

Turning to Capt. James L. Schaadt, chief counsel for the Bechtels, th District-Attorney said, "I am ready to try them all together if you Capt. Schaadt replied; "I demand to have my clients tried separately."

The District-Attorney responded: "Then I shall call first the case agains Mrs. Catherine Bechtel." Raising his voice, he said: "Mrs. Catherine Bechtel, come forward."

Gently escorted by Mr. Schaadt, Mrs. Bechtel left her family and took eat at the defendant's table, flanked by her lawyers. IUDGE WARNS PROSECUTOR.

## Judge Trexler at this juncture said: "I shall expect this case to be be-

gun, continued and ended in an orderly manner. I do not want another such disgraceful exhibition as was witnessed here yesterday." That this announcement was made in a quiet tone made it all the m

impressive. All the iron determination that made Mr. Trexler a Judge be fore he was forty-two was to be heard in that statement.

The District-Attorney called on Mrs. Catherine Bechtel to stand up and be arraigned. She arose without a falter, despite a motion on the part of her lawyers that she shouldn't.

In an irritated tone Mr. Schaadt said: "I object to having this poor of accused mother arraigned. It isn't necessary. The laws of Pennsylvania have abolished arraignments in all cases except murder. She is charged

with being an accessory, but the charge is not murder." The Judge said it would not be illegal to arraign the defendant, but wasn't necessary, and the District-Attorney desisted. Capt. Schaadt

said: "Mrs. Bechtel pleads not guilty." Capt. Schaadt continued: "I expect this case to be tried without n sense or exhibition."

## THE TESTIMONY BEGUN.

The prosecution called as its first witness George Leiby, the letter c rier, neighbor of the Bechtel family, who told the same story as to finding of Mabel's body in the alleyway that he told yesterday at the tr of Alois Eckstein.

George A. Kocher, the second witness, stated that he and Mr. Le and Mr. Merkle were the first persons to arrive after the Bechtel girls ! hurried home and said Mabel was killed. When they got there the ca had already been stretched across the entrance to the alleyway. One the Bechtel girls, he alleged, said Mabel's body was lying in the alley,